Mega Chemical Industry Estates

513. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started the process to set up mega chemical industry estates in coastal States with adequate port facilities to turn the country into South Asia's petrochem-hub;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to have a mother complex which would provide proper linkage to other allied units;

(c) whether six States including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have already submitted proposals; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government have considered these proposals and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The role of the Central Government is limited to that of a facilitator. To this end, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has commissioned a feasibility study through a Consultant regarding a Mega Chemical Industrial Estate (MCIE) who is considering the various sites. The feasibility report will be brought to the notice of State Governments and the Industry for follow up action in setting up the MCIE.

Simplification of drug pricing norms

514. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have simplified the drug pricing through a notification in the month of January, 2005;

(b) the details of drugs that are going to be available at a lesser prices as a result of the present move:

(c) whether the price of life-saving drugs will also come down due to simplification of drug prices; and